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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - BOLIVIA

¶1. On November 27, conservative, independent "La Tercera" (circ. 101,000) carried an editorial entitled "Bolivia and the Threat of a Permanent Crisis."

¶2. The violence in the streets of Sucre these past days is a reflection of the deep historical divisions in Bolivian society. Bolivia is not just the poorest country in South America...it is also the one with the largest number of political breakdowns...The situation in Bolivia calls for not just a domestic political commitment, but also for external cooperation...because the tension in that country...can have repercussions in the region, and especially in Chile.... Any project having to do with energy and territorial integration, through the so-called bio-oceanic corridor, requires Bolivia's participation. But that is not possible if that country is divided and in a permanent state of conflict.... Consensus is the only way to leave behind the deep social inequities that have been at the root of Bolivia's conflict-ridden history."

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